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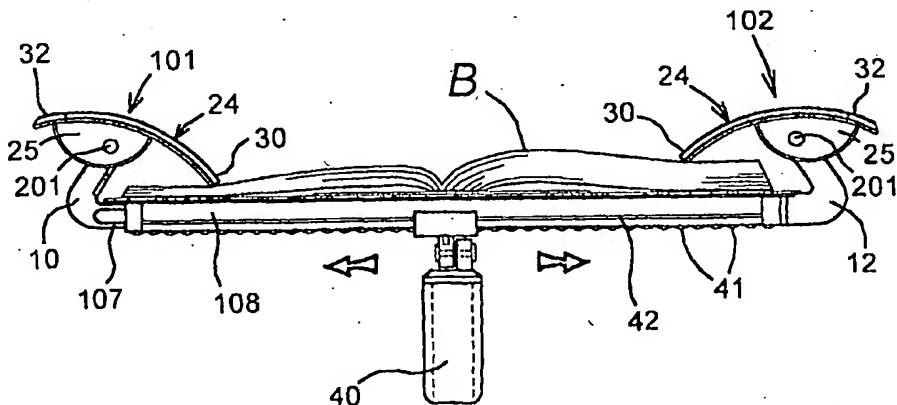
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(57) Abstract: A device for facilitating the reading of a book by holding its pages in an open position, includes an elongate member formed of telescopically-engaged inner and outer elements (107) and (108). The outer element (108) has a projecting platform (14) to support the cover of an open book B, and respective inwardly-directed end-pieces (101) and (102) are pivotally connected to the respective elements (107) and (108), with inwardly-directed finger portions (30) that hold the pages of the book by means of coil springs (203). A support leg (40) is slidably engaged with the outer element (108) to support the rear of the book while resting on its lower edge. The support leg can be angularly adjusted about an axis which is substantially parallel to the outer element (108) and can be rotated about an axis which is substantially perpendicular to the outer element. The leg (40) may have an inner core which is telescopically engaged within a non-slip outer cover.